(b) if so, what are the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of rehabilitation programme for them under taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Does not arise.

(c) Under National AIDS Control Programme-II, grants are provided to NGOs through State AIDS Control Societies for setting up low cost Community Care Centers (10 bedded) for HIV/AIDS affected persons including terminally ill AIDS cases. The centres provided a range of services that include short term shelter, nutritional care & support, nursing care, medicine for opportunistic infections, palliative care, peer counseling etc. AIDS cases are referred from Community Care Centres to Anti Retroviral Treatment Centres for clinical management of infections. As on date 122 Community Care Centres and 54 ART Centres are functioning in the country.

Pending Medical Bills

3126. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medical bills duly supported with necessary required documents received from the CGHS beneficiaries from 1st January, 2003 till date;

(b) the number of cases pending for payment;

(c) the reasons for delay for payments to them; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Data pertaining to medical bills in respect of serving Central Government employees covered under CGHS scheme are marinated by respective Ministries/Department. So far as pensioners CGHS beneficiaries are concerned as per information available 1,11,270 medical reimbursement claims were received by CGHS from 1.1.2003 till date.

(b) to (d) 3,345 medical reimbursement claims of CGHS pensioners beneficiaries are pending for payment. The pendency is due to the fact that certain procedure has to be followed to process the bill for payment

like clarifications from beneficiaries and reports of medical specialities and Expert Committee for justification of treatment taken.

National Aids Control Programme in Andhra Pradesh

3127. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted any action plans to be included in the phase-III of National AIDS Control Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Central Government thereon;

(c) whether Government have completed the process of formulating phase-III of National AIDS Control Programme; and

(d) if so, the salient features thereof and the schemes/programmes envisaged thereunder for Andhra Pradesh alongwith the funds earmarked for each scheme/programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) National AIDS Control Programme-Phase III has been prepared and is being discussed with Development Partners. The proposal takes into account the various initiatives in reversing the epidemic all over the country, including Andhra Pradesh. The focus of the Phase III proposal is on prevention by expanding access to information and preventive services and also includes treatment of opportunistic infections and AIDS. Implementation of National AIDS Control Programme Phase-III will start after the proposals are agreed to by Development Partners and approved by Government of India.

Violation of reservation policy in PGIMER

†3128. SHRI MANGANILAL MANDAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director PGIMER, Chandigarh and the institute are grossly violating the reservation policy introduced for SCs, STs, and OBCs;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.